

SWIFT Tour Scholarship Opportunity Available to You

With the support of the NSF EPSCoR Programs at the University of Montana and Montana State University, we want to encourage new innovative companies and individuals in Montana to participate in this important SBIR conference, so that they may become successful in winning SBIR/STTR grants and contracts, and in creating future technology businesses in the state. The Montana NSF EPSCoR Program has provided generous grant support that allows the provision of scholarships to Montana companies and individuals to offset costs of attending this conference.

Candidates selected for Montana EPSCoR scholarships will receive reimbursement of registration fees paid for the conference. Proof of conference attendance is required for reimbursement. In addition, a smaller number of scholarship recipients will receive reimbursement of specified travel expenses, to include up to three nights' lodging, and mileage to and from the conference.

Eligible candidates must be Montana residents with no previous history of SBIR or STTR awards. While existing companies are encouraged to apply, individuals planning to start new technology businesses in the future are also invited to apply for these scholarships. Awards will be based on need, and appropriateness of your planned business/technology development to the SBIR program, as determined by your application letter (below).

Interested applicants should submit a one to two-page letter that includes the following:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number & e-mail address
- If you have an existing company, your company name and brief description of it.
- If you don't have a company already, your concept or plans for a future technology business.
- Why you believe this conference will be of benefit to you and your (future) company.
- Why this scholarship would make a difference in your attending this conference.
- Previous SBIR experience, if any.

Application letters must be received by August 18, 2006. They may be e-mailed as Word or PDF documents to Anjie Mikesell, TechLink SBIR Coordinator, amikesell@montana.edu. Applications may also be faxed to (406) 994-7701.